

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Larry T. Ellis, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

David M. Crocker, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Mark A. Young, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5141:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., 0000

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1480. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access of medicare beneficiaries to prescription drug coverage through the SPICE drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1481. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 1482. A bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1483. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to export controls on high performance computers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1484. A bill entitled "Blind Justice Act of 1999"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1485. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 1486. A bill to establish a Take Pride in America Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KERREY):

S. 1487. A bill to provide for excellence in economic education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 1488. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1489. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of pilot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 1490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for State and local sales taxes in lieu of State and local income taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1491. A bill to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1492. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to focus on price stability in establishing monetary policy to ensure the stable, long-term purchasing power of the currency, to repeal the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1493. A bill to establish a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program to advance the development of public policy with respect to issues affecting senior citizens; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1494. A bill to ensure that small businesses throughout the United States participate fully in the unfolding electronic commerce revolution through the establishment of an electronic commerce extension program at the National Institutes of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 1495. A bill to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (by request):

S. 1496. A bill to authorize activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2000 through 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1497. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to take steps to control the growing international problem of tuberculosis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1498. A bill to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize equal overtime pay provisions for all Federal employees engaged in wildland fire suppression operations; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 172. A resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 173. To authorize representation of the Senate Committee on Armed Services in the case of Philip Tinsley III v. Senate Committee on Armed Services; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 174. To authorize representation of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in the case of Philip Tinsley III v. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MACK, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 50. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the continuous repression of freedom of expression and assembly, and of individual human rights, in Iran, as exemplified by the recent repression of the democratic movement of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1480. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act of assure access of Medicare beneficiaries to prescription drug coverage through the SPICE drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

SENIORS PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE COVERAGE EQUITY (SPICE) ACT OF 1999

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Seniors Prescription Insurance Coverage Equity (SPICE) Act along with my colleague from Oregon, Senator WYDEN. The purpose of this bill is to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to prescription drug coverage. The program is voluntary and federal assistance will be provided to help pay for the premiums. Senator WYDEN and I believe that this bill is one solution to the lack of prescription drug coverage for America's seniors and we believe that it is a bill we could and should enact this year.